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Revision: 01 FISCAL NOTE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Updated for the 2010 Session. Includes any amendments adopted to date.

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$46,000			
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$46,000			

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 72 requires the State Department of Education (NDE), in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services and other specified persons, to develop and make available policy guidelines for schools and early childhood education programs for the management of students with life-threatening allergies. All accredited or approved schools and approved early childhood programs are required to use the guidelines to create and adopt a policy for the management of students with life-threatening allergies.

The guidelines are to include annual education and training for school and early childhood personnel on the management of children with life-threatening allergies, including the administration of medication. Procedures are to include the development of individualized health care and treatment plans for these children, maintenance of files on each child at risk for such anaphylaxis, data collection on the administration of epinephrine to children, and managing life-threatening allergies in the context of extracurricular programs.

NDE will incur expenses to develop the policy guidelines. The fiscal note submitted by the department estimates a \$96,000 general fund impact to develop and print guidelines. NDE indicates there are no existing staff that have expertise in the area of life-threatening issues for children. The department proposes to contract for a consultant to develop the guidelines. NDE estimates a cost of \$45,000 to contract for the development of the guidelines. This fiscal note assumes a one-time general fund cost of \$35,000 for the contract.

Additional expenses will be incurred to receive input on the development of the guidelines from pediatricians, school nurses, early childhood education personnel, other health care providers, parents, school administrators, teachers, food services directors and emergency medical personnel as required by the bill. It is assumed several meetings will be scheduled to solicit input at an estimated cost of \$10,000 of general funds. It is assumed the consultant will act as facilitator for these meetings, so no additional funds are estimated for the expense of a facilitator. Additional expenditures of \$1,000 are estimated for the printing of materials. This fiscal note assumes the guidelines will be distributed via the NDE website, so printing expenses will be at a minimum. The total estimated one-time fiscal impact of the bill in 2010-11 is \$46,000 of general funds.

LB 72 will definitely result in a workload increase for school districts and early childhood education programs to adopt policies and implement the requirements of the bill with respect to managing students with life-threatening allergies. There may be an unknown minimal fiscal impact in terms of staff training costs and data collection and file maintenance expenses to comply with the requirements of the bill.